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Dear Doctor Pogue:

It gives me much pleasure to write you formally that I hereby convey to The George C. Marshall Research Foundation full title to all the books, periodicals, technical papers, and articles, journals, etc., comprising The Friedman Collection on Cryptology. The Collection includes several hundred items relating to the subjects of Cryptography, Cryptanalysis, Signal Intelligence, Communications Intelligence, Secret Writing, Secret Signalling, Radar, Secret Telephony, Secret Telegraphy, etc. It also includes files of personal correspondence, lantern slides, and a few exemplars of cryptographic devices and machines. All items in The Collection are UNCLASSIFIED as of the current date.

A brief review of the background information relative to my making the above-stated gift to The George C. Marshall Research Foundation may be useful.

You will recall that the gift has been the subject of discussion with you since May 1966, and correspondence relating to the gift bears dates from May 18, 1966 onward. Most of the letters comprising this correspondence confirm conversations between us during visits by you to talk with me at my house. In the correspondence there are also references to discussions with you and with others via telephone regarding the gift and the annotated and other catalogs being made by me with the assistance of my wife. On 16 May 1969 I sent you for deposit, via your Research Assistant, Mr. Wilbur J. Nigh, some 1500 cards of one of the catalogs (See Encl. 1). These cards represent the results of many hours of work on our part and they were typed from manuscript by Miss Mary Ann Knight of your staff. Miss Knight's services were made available to us one day a week in accordance with an arrangement worked

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out by Miss Eugenia D. Lejeune, the Archivist-Librarian of the George C. Marshall Research Foundation in the summer of 1966, after I had orally made the gift of The Friedman Collection to the Foundation. I much appreciate your willingness to permit Miss Knight to come whenever her assistance was mutually convenient. It would perhaps have been better to do the work of cataloging and annotating at The Marshall Foundation Library at Lexington, Virginia, where the Friedman Collection is permanently to be housed. However, I understood that you preferred not to send the Collection and the pertinent Catalogues to Lexington until your building there had been inspected and approved by U.S. Government authorities for the storage of valuable or classified documents, and after you had an adequate staff installed there. In the meantime it was deemed best to keep the entire Collection in situ in our residence.

However, an unforseen difficulty then became obvious and of a somewhat serious nature. This concerned the amount of insurance carried by Mrs. Friedman and myself on the property and contents of our home. The coverage was not sufficient in amount considering their current value. The Marshall Foundation was concerned only to the extent of its interest in The Friedman Collection.

You will recall that I had told you in the course of our conversations and discussions that I had had The Friedman Collection appraised by Mr. P.W. Filby, a man peculiarly qualified for appraising books, etc., of a cryptologic character, by reason of his personal background in actively working in the cryptologic field for a number of years before, during, and after World War II. I enclose a copy (Encl. 2) of his appraisal dated 11 April 1963, and a copy (Encl. 3) of his revised appraisal dated 26 February 1968.

Then, when I told you that the Collection was not covered by special insurance against the apparently and presently unavoidable hazards of the troublous times under which we here in Washington now live, and that I did not have sufficient financial means to pay the rather large premium which the hiring of special guards and the installation of protective measures (of dubious value) would entail, you were quick to agree with me that some action was necessary. I talked the matter over with the representative of the insurance company and asked him what could be done. The suggestions of the agent of the insurance company, with which I have dealt for many years, viz, the J.E. Douglass Company (5130 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington D. C. 20008) were useful. Mr. Douglass suggested several changes in the insurance policy involved, the principal one being that I increase the amount

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of insurance protection we were carrying on the house and its contents. This would automatically allow for more coverage on the books, papers, etc. of the Friedman Collection, increasing that coverage from \$60,000 to \$80,000, with an accompanying increase of \$140.00 in the annual premium on the policy. You readily and courteously agreed to pay and did pay directly to the insurance company a pre rata share of the additional annual premium to cover the Marshall Foundation's interest in the coverage for the Friedman Collection, amounting to \$49.00 for the period of 4 October 1969 to 4 October 1970.

It may be of interest to add that I first became interested in putting my Collection in the Marshall Library because I understood that it would be approved as an institution which could keep valuable or classified papers relating to our National Security or to our National Defense. I am glad that the Foundation's Library has now been given full authority to handle classified documents under an agreement signed by the President of the Foundation and The Adjutant General of the Army. A second consideration in giving the Collection to the Foundation was the fact that you agreed to keep the Collection intact. Of great importance also was my admiration for General Marshall. I had also great admiration for the current President of the Foundation, General of the Army Omar Bradley. I was particularly pleased to be able to show him some of the more valuable or most interesting items in the Collection, for in August 1966 General Bradley honored me by taking several hours of his valuable time to make a quick survey of the Collection.

I understood also that it simplified your own problem of giving me typing help in that you had Miss Knight nearby, working on copying documents from the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and elsewhere in the Washington area. As my wife and I complete our work of describing and annotating various items, the completed portions of the Collection can be shipped to Lexington at your request. I am pleased that Miss Lejeune, who carefully examined the Collection in order to estimate space requirements and the like, is keeping available for the Collection the room set aside months ago, which she was kind enough to show our daughter in May of 1968.

We are still working ahead on the Collection as time will permit, but I hope to have everything ready to turn over to the Library before many months. I know that you realize that this type of effort requires much time and I am pleased that you understand the problem. I know too,

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that you wanted the type of evaluation my wife and I are trying to give this project. When we first talked about the gift and the project of cataloging it you mentioned the making of a special catalog for the Collection, a suggestion which pleased me very much.

I will close this rather lengthy letter by stating that I appreciate all that you and the others concerned have done, and I especially wish to add that I appreciate the work that Miss Knight has done.

Sincerely,

William F. Friedman

Lieut. Colonel, AUS, Ret'd

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